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SUBJECT: FRENCH ETIMATES OF OGADEN FIGHTING

REFS: A. DJIBOUTI 0285; C. USDAO PARIS - IR 6832 0451 77

- 1. WE SUSPECT THAT FRENCH AMBASSADOR IN DJIBOUTI IS NOT BETTER INFORMED OF SITUATION IN OGADEN THAN IS HIS COUNTERPART IN MOGADISCIO. FRENCH EMBASSY HERE HAS BEEN CIRCULATING FOR SOME TIME ITS APPREHENSIONS ABOUT ETHIOPIAN PUSH TO THE SEA. THEY HAVE ALSO EMPHASIZED MAJOR SOMALI DEFEAT AT DIRE DAWA.
- 2. WE CAN FIND LITTLE OR NO EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT FRENCH AMBASSADOR'S ASSESSMENT OF OGADEN SITUATION FROM DJIBOUTI. CONFIDENTIAL

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TO SAY AT THIS TIME THAT CONDITIONS ARE RIGHT FOR A QTE SUBSTANTIAL ETHIOPIAN VICTORY UNQTE CONSIDERABLY MISREPRESENTS THE SITUATION AS WE KNOW IT.

3. WE APPRECIATE FOR THAT REASON COMMENTS PROVIDED BY USDAO PARIS (REF. B). LOUGHRAN

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